

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO. <b>10/618,253</b>	§ ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>23792.3</b>
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INVENTOR: <b>Hector Mark Estrada, Jr.</b>	§ EXAMINER: <b>P. Philogene</b>
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TITLE: <b>Radiolucent Long Bone Fixator</b>	§ GROUP ART UNIT: <b>3733</b>
<b>Ring</b>	§
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FILING DATE: <b>July 11, 2003</b>	§
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, which set a three-month period for response. A filing fee is being paid by credit card with this electronic submission. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees for this submission to Deposit Account No. 03-3483.

Respectfully submitted,

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